

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 21 have been rejected. Claims 11-14 have been allowed. Claims 1-10 and 21 have been cancelled in this Response. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11-14 are allowable. Applicants have elected to proceed with these claims.

Amendment to Claims

Claims 1-10 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Claim Rejection -35 USC § 102

Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Becker (U.S. Patent No. 2,248,054). Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Lutz (U.S. Patent No. 6,183,472). Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Torrie (U.S. Patent No. 5,667,513).

Claims 1-10 and 21 have been cancelled in this Response rendering the rejection to these claims moot. While Applicants believe that claims 1-10 and 21 are patentable over the cited references, in the interest in moving the prosecution forward, Applicants have chosen to pursue the allowable subject matter of claims 11-14. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 1-10 and 21 in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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